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Louisiana Livestock Slaughter

Commercial red meat production in Louisiana during June totaled 900,000 pounds, up 13 percent from May but 10 percent below the previous year.

There were 1,100 head of **cattle** slaughtered during June, up 100 head from May and the previous year. Average live weight was 806 pounds, down 46 pounds from the previous month and 39 pounds below June 2004. Total live weight, at 861,000 pounds, was 6 percent above the previous month and 3 percent above the previous year.

Calves slaughtered during June totaled 300 head, down 100 head from May and 500 head below the previous year. Live weight averaged 513 pounds, up 14 pounds from May and 42 pounds above June 2004. Total live weight, at 154,000 pounds, was down 23 percent from May and 58 percent below the previous year.

The number of **hogs** slaughtered during June totaled 1,700 head, up 300 head from the previous month but the same as the previous year. Average live weight was 183 pounds, down 3 pounds from May and 11 pounds below the previous year. Total live weight was 306,000 pounds, up 16 percent from May but 6 percent below a year ago.

The number of **sheep** slaughtered during June was 200 head, up 100 head from May and the previous year. Live weight averaged 84 pounds, down 13 pounds from the previous month but 2 pounds above the previous year.

United States Livestock Slaughter

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.96 billion pounds in June, up 1 percent from the 3.93 billion pounds produced in June 2004.

June 2005 contained 22 weekdays (including no holidays) and 4 Saturdays. June 2004 contained 22 weekdays (including no holidays) and 4 Saturdays.

Beef production, at 2.23 billion pounds, was slightly above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.94 million head, down 2 percent from June 2004. The average live weight was up 21 pounds from the previous year, at 1,246 pounds.

Veal production totaled 13.2 million pounds, 1 percent below June a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 58,900 head, down 11 percent from June 2004. The average live weight was 31 pounds above last year, at 368 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.71 billion pounds, up 2 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 8.55 million head, 1 percent above June 2004. The average live weight was 4 pounds above the previous year, at 268 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 15.3 million pounds, was down 1 percent from June 2004. Sheep slaughter totaled 222,900 head, 4 percent below last year. The average live weight was 138 pounds, up 4 pounds from June a year ago.

January to June 2005 commercial red meat production was 22.2 billion pounds, down slightly from 2004. Accumulated beef production was down 1 percent from last year; veal was down 9 percent; pork was up 1 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 4 percent.

Commercial Livestock Slaughter and Red Meat Production

Item	Louisiana					United States			
	May	June		January – June		June		January – June	
	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005
-----Number, thousand head-----									
Cattle	1.0	1.0	1.1	7.0	6.9	2,994.1	2,936.8	16,405.0	15,881.3
Calves	0.4	0.8	0.3	3.5	2.7	66.3	58.9	428.7	376.5
Hogs	1.4	1.7	1.7	11.6	10.5	8,505.4	8,553.6	50,454.1	50,556.7
Sheep & Lambs	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.9	1.0	231.6	222.9	1,416.0	1,355.6
-----Total live weight, thousand pounds-----									
Cattle	815	836	861	6,031	5,965	3,667,614	3,657,843	20,024,790	19,694,731
Calves	201	369	154	1,715	1,316	22,340	21,719	142,632	130,254
Hogs	264	327	306	2,431	2,074	2,246,201	2,295,652	13,476,432	13,647,626
Sheep & Lambs	11	11	17	95	104	31,090	30,667	196,668	189,117
-----Average live weight, pounds-----									
Cattle	852	845	806	862	864	1,225	1,246	1,221	1,240
Calves	499	471	513	490	487	337	368	333	346
Hogs	186	194	183	210	198	264	268	267	270
Sheep & Lambs	97	82	84	106	104	134	138	139	140
-----Million pounds-----									
Red Meat	0.8	1.0	0.9	6.7	6.1	3,927.6	3,963.1	22,301.1	22,247.8

July 1 Cattle Inventory Up 1 Percent

All cattle and calves in the United States on July 1, 2005, totaled 104.5 million head, 1 percent above the 103.6 million on July 1, 2004 and 1 percent above the 103.9 million two years ago.

All cows and heifers that have calved, at 42.8 million, were 1 percent above the 42.5 million on July 1, 2004, and slightly above the 42.7 million two years ago.

- **Beef cows**, at 33.8 million, were up 1 percent from July 1, 2004, and up slightly from two years ago.
- **Milk cows**, at 9.05 million, were up 1 percent from July 1, 2004, but down 1 percent from two years ago.

Other class estimates on July 1, 2005, and the changes from July 1, 2004, are:

- **All heifers 500 pounds and over**, 16.2 million, up 2 percent.
- **Beef replacement heifers**, 5.0 million, up 4 percent.
- **Milk replacement heifers**, 3.7 million, up 3 percent.
- **Other heifers**, 7.5 million, down 1 percent.
- **Steers** weighing 500 pounds and over, 14.4 million, up 1 percent.
- **Bulls** weighing 500 pounds and over, 2.1 million, up 2 percent.
- **Calves under 500 pounds**, 29.0 million, up slightly.
- **Cattle and calves on feed** for slaughter, 12.0 million, up 2 percent.

Louisiana and United States Cattle and Calf Inventories

Class	Louisiana ¹	United States		2005 as a percent of 2004
	Jan. 1, 2005	July 1, 2004	July 1, 2005	
	-----Thousand Head-----			Percent
All Cattle and Calves	860	103,600	104,500	101
Cows and Heifers That Have Calved	530	42,500	42,800	101
Beef Cows	494	33,500	33,750	101
Milk Cows	36	9,000	9,050	101
Heifers 500 Pounds and Over	109	15,950	16,200	102
For Beef Cow Replacement	82	4,800	5,000	104
For Milk Cow Replacement	9	3,600	3,700	103
Other Heifers	18	7,550	7,500	99
Steers 500 Pounds and Over	22	14,200	14,400	101
Bulls 500 Pounds and Over	32	2,050	2,100	102
Calves Under 500 Pounds	167	28,900	29,000	100
Calf Crop ²	415	37,625	37,800	100

¹ July 1 2005 estimates are not published for Louisiana.

² The 2005 Calf crop is all calves born during 2004. For the U.S., the 2005 calf crop is all calves born before July 1, 2005, plus the number expected to be born on or after July 1.

Louisiana Catfish Growers Survey

Commercial catfish operations in Louisiana had 10.6 million foodsize fish on hand July 1, 2005, down 15 percent from the July 1, 2004, total of 12.4 million. Live weight totaled 15.1 million pounds for all foodsize fish, 20 percent below July 1, 2004. The breakout of foodsize fish inventory numbers on July 1, 2005, with their respective percent change from the previous year are: large foodsize, 660,000, down 4 percent; medium foodsize, 3.8 million, down 24 percent; and small foodsize, 6.1 million, down 9 percent. Catfish producers had 29,000 broodfish on hand on July 1, 2005, up 26 percent from last year. Live weight totaled 115,000 pounds for broodfish, down 14 percent from July 1, 2004. The number of stockers on hand on July 1, 2005, totaled 10.8 million fish, down 27 percent from the 14.7 million fish on hand a year ago. Of the total number of stockers on hand, 4.0 million were large stockers, down 56 percent from the previous year. The remaining 6.8 million were small stockers, up 19 percent. Live weight totaled 2.2 million pounds for all stockers, 37 percent below July 1 of last year. Producers had 98.0 million fingerlings and fry on hand July 1, 2005, up 200 percent from the 49.0 million fingerlings and fry on hand July 1, 2004. Live weight, at 484 thousand pounds, was down 15 percent from the 570,000 pounds a year ago.

United States Catfish Growers Survey

Commercial catfish operations in the four major producing states (Alabama, Arkansas, Louisiana and Mississippi) had 292 million foodsize fish on hand July 1, 2005, down 8 percent from the July 1, 2004, total of 317 million. The breakouts of foodsize fish inventory numbers on July 1, 2005, with their respective percent change from the previous year were: large foodsize, 7.22 million, down 7 percent; medium foodsize, 72.4 million, down 8 percent; and small foodsize, 212 million, down 8 percent. The four major states also had 1.03 million broodfish on hand on July 1, 2005, up 13 percent from last year's 913 thousand. The number of large stockers on hand on July 1, 2005, totaled 275 million fish, down 8 percent from the 300 million fish on hand a year ago. There were 303 million small stockers, down 7 percent from last year. Producers had 1.45 billion fingerlings and fry on hand on July 1, 2005, up 12 percent from the 1.30 billion on hand July 1, 2004. Live weight, at 15.5 million pounds, was down 8 percent from the 16.9 million pounds a year ago.

Louisiana and United States Catfish Production, July 1, 2005

Item	Louisiana				United States			
	Total Number		Total Live Weight		Total Number		Total Live Weight	
	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005
	-----1,000 Fish-----		-----1,000 Pounds-----		-----1,000 Fish-----		-----1,000 Pounds-----	
Broodfish	23	29	133	115	913	1,029	4,553	4,855
Large Foodsize	690	660	2,490	2,400	7,800	7,220	26,790	25,400
Medium Foodsize	4,970	3,800	9,800	7,200	78,470	72,400	150,400	136,900
Small Foodsize	6,700	6,100	6,600	5,450	230,900	212,000	228,800	209,750
Total Foodsize	12,360	10,560	18,890	15,050	317,170	291,620	405,990	372,050
Large Stockers	8,970	3,960	2,850	1,480	299,670	275,160	116,450	111,980
Small Stockers	5,750	6,820	630	720	324,650	303,220	31,880	30,760
Total Stockers	14,720	10,780	3,480	2,200	624,320	578,380	148,330	142,740
Fingerlings/Fry	49,000	98,000	570	484	1,300,000	1,450,000	16,890	15,494

July Prices Received Index Decreased 1 Point From Last Month

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in July, at 119, based on 1990-92=100, decreased 1 point from June. The Crop Index is down 3 points while the Livestock Index was unchanged. Producers received lower commodity prices for lettuce, cattle, grapes and broccoli. Higher prices were received for corn, asparagus, eggs, and milk. The overall index is also affected by the seasonal change based on a 3-year average mix of commodities a producer sells. Increased average marketings of grapes, wheat and tomatoes offset decreased marketings of milk, cantaloupes and asparagus.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index is down 5 points from July 2004. The Food Commodities Index, at 121, decreased 1 point from last month and declined 6 points from July 2004.

Prices Paid Index Is Unchanged

The July Index of Prices Paid for Commodities and Services, Interest, Taxes, and Farm Wage Rates is 140 percent of the 1990-92 average. The index is unchanged from June but 5 points above July 2004. Lower prices in July for feeder cattle, feeder pigs and hay & forages offset higher prices for diesel fuel, feed concentrates, gasoline and complete feeds.

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Average Prices Received by Farmers: July 2004

Item	Louisiana			United States		
	Entire Month		Preliminary	Entire Month		Preliminary
	July 2004	June 2005	July 2005 ¹	July 2004	June 2005	July 2005 ¹
	-----Dollars-----			-----Dollars-----		
Soybeans, per bushel	2/	6.92	2/	8.46	6.58	6.84
Rice, per cwt	9.14	7.23	7.10	9.37	6.94	6.74
Upland cotton, per pound	.567	2/	2/	.538	.440	3/ .421
Hay, all, baled, per ton	n/a	n/a	n/a	90.40	102.00	99.70
Beef Cattle, per cwt ⁴	70.50	70.70	69.00	88.10	88.50	86.30
Steers & Heifers, per cwt	104.00	106.00	100.00	91.40	91.90	89.60
Cows, per cwt ⁵	53.30	54.80	53.00	56.30	57.00	55.60
Calves, per cwt	122.00	125.00	118.00	130.00	138.00	133.00
Broilers, live, per pound	n/a	n/a	n/a	.520	.440	.440
Eggs, all, per dozen	n/a	n/a	n/a	.582	.450	.530
Milk, all, per cwt ⁶	n/a	n/a	n/a	16.10	14.50	14.80

¹Mid-month.

²Prices not published to avoid disclosure of individual firms.

³Preliminary prices are based on sales during the first half of the month.

⁴"Cows" and "steers and heifers" combined.

⁵Beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter.

⁶Before deductions for hauling and government withholdings. Includes bulk tank, quantity and other premiums. Excludes hauling subsidies.

n/a = not available.

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